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CHAP. I.

1 O That great and glorious Work of God in Converſion of a Sinner! Angels and Saints Rejoices to have the number of their Heavenly Company increaſe.

2 The Enjoyment of God experimentally is the Life of all our Joys; whatever our Condition be, that's our good Chear and Welfare.

3 For no leſs will ſatisfie a Gracious Heart, than that either God may be with him on Earth, or he may be with God in Heaven.

4 O then let us Labour to ſee and enjoy God in all things, and all things in God!

5 It's no Sin to ſhow our Righteouſneſs, but it's a Sin to have nothing but a ſhow of Righteouſneſs.

6 Though God hath promiſed to give to them that ask him, yet many ask and miſs, becauſe they ask amiſs.

7 Wicked Men are Dead while they Live, but the Godly Live while they are Dead.

8 The Tie of the Covenant is ſure, where Chriſt is the Surety of the Covenant.

9 They who Glory in their ſhame without Repentance, will be aſhamed of their Glory hereafter.

10 To be very Great and very Good, is a very great Goodneſs.

11 Men we Try before we Truſt, but God we may Truſt before we Try.

12 Nothing engages a Saint to love God ſo much as this, that God loves him ſo much.

13 The Saints ſhall not be tempted above what they are able, or at moſt not above what God will enable them to.

14 The Saints fare better, yea, are far better for one anothers Prayers.

15 If Men did conſider that the Milk of the Word is the Food of the Soul, they would rather their Bodies be without Soul's than their Churches without faithful Preachers.

16 No Man is more hated of God than the Hypocrite, for a counterfeit Religion ſhall find a real Hell.

17 The greateſt earthly Pleaſures are but Pains in their Loſs.

18 ſome Men find the Want of Comforts, and ſome find Comforts in Wants.

19 The means of Grace is but a mean thing in Compariſon of Grace, which is the main thing.

20 The great Good and Means which God affords his People here, is but little to what he minds to give them hereafter.

21 *Sathan* knows not the Thoughts of a Ma Heart, for it's God's peculiar Treaſure.

22 Afflictions are the Touch ſtone and great Diſcoverer of Sincerity. *David.*

23 It fills the Soul with unſpeakable Joy, to Remember whilſt it ſuffers the Will of God is a doing.

24 Men are not happy in having more Good than others, but in doing more Good than others.

25 Some

25 Some go a Fishing with Holiness, and when they have their Ends there is an end of their Profession.

26 When Religion and Profession goes together, it's hard to say which a Man follows, but when separate, the true Professor's Mettle is shown.

27 It's not always a Token of God's Love to have one's desires granted, for we may ask amiss.

28 *Sathan*, nor none of his Instruments, can meddle with the Person or the Estates of Men, without God's Permission. *Job.*

29 It's the Part of a good Man to Reprove Vice, though his Reproof should not be taken in good Part.

30 God may as soon cease to be God as cease to be Good: As soon cease to Live as cease to Love.

31 By Reason of our Sins we have Cause to be Sorrowful in the midst of our Prayers, but by Reason of God's Mercy we have Reason to Rejoice in the midst of our Sorrow.

32 Carnal Men love the God's they make, and forsakes the God that made them.

33 It's a Christian's Comfort though he have a fearful and unruly Heart, yet he hath a faithful God to flee to, to rule it.

34 They that have no true Grace in their Life, can have no true Peace in their Death.

35 The things of this Life have not the Promise of Godliness, but Godliness hath the Promise of the things of this Life.

36 What we are afraid to do before Men, we should be afraid to think before God.

37 Riches, Honours, and Pleasures, cannot give one Christ, but Christ can give one Riches, Honours, and Pleasures.

38 Death hath nothing Terrible in it, but what our Lives hath made so by Sin.

39 They who have no Treaſures in Heaven, cannot but be enraged when the Hope of their Gain is gone on Earth.

40 A Chriſtian that has his Faith awake, cannot Sin without a Check in his Conſcience.

41 There is more of the Power of God ſeen in bringing us into the World, than in bringing us out of any Trouble in the World.

42 The Study of the Vanity of the Creatures, is of an excellent uſe to bring us to the Knowledge of the Creator.

43 Wicked Men thrive often, but ſeldom bleſſed, their Proſperity proves often their Curſe.

44 Men may put their Riches in the Grave with them, but their Riches cannot keep them one Moment out of it.

45 The Favour of God goes out for nothing in Man, but the Wrath of God goes out for ſome Rebellion in Man.

46 A Saint does not only look for Heaven from Chriſt, but alſo for Chriſt from Heaven.

47 God will give a Saint better Content without Heaven, than Heaven without God.

48 God's Faithfulneſs does more for us than our Faith is able.

49 A Saint would not give that which he gains by his Sins for a World, yet he would not commit one Sin willingly for all the World.

50 Scarlet Sinners may by Grace be made Milk-white Saints. *Saul* and *Manaſſah*.

51 The vileſt Sinners once converted become the ſtricteſt Saints. *Mary Magdalen*.

52 Grace makes a Man more a Man, and more than a Man.

53 God expects that Saints ſhould do more for him than others, becauſe he has done more for them than all the World.

54 We

54 We should use that for God's Glory, which God gives us to use for our Good.

55 Though a Saint is sad he is not better, yet he is glad he is not worse.

56 All worldly Troubles cannot overcome a true Heavenly Peace.

57 It's a Mercy to have a Portion in the World, but to have the World for our Portion is a Misery.

58 Grace is Glory begun here, and Glory is Grace perfected hereafter.

59 In Prayer, when Men are on the Knee, then the mind ought to be on the Wing.

60 Nature teacheth a Man to Value his Life above the World, and Grace teacheth him to Value his Soul above his Natural Life.

61 The best of Men are but Men at the best, and they find it so.

62 A Prayerless Man is a Token of a Godless Man.

63 He that Reproves other Mens Faults, and not his own, is a Hypocrite.

64 When a Saint comes to Die, his greatest Grief is, that he's done no more for God, and his greatest Joy, is that God has done so much for him.

65 The Sin of Man filleth the Creature with Vanity, and the Vanity of the Creature filleth the Man with Vexation of Spirit.

66 There are many Poor in this World, Rich in Faith, and many Rich in this World, Poor in Faith.

67 Christ by drawing near to the Saints, draws them nearer to himself.

68 To be Sick of Love for God is Soul-saving Health, but to be Sick of Love for the Creatures, doth often destroy the Health both of Body and Soul.

69 Saints

69 Saints ſhould labour to pleaſe God in all they do; and to be pleaſed with God in all he doth.

70 The World ſeeth not a Saint though they look him in the Face, for the Saints, the hidden Man of the Heart, or the Man in the Spirit.

71 Succeſs is the Bleſſing of God in a good Cauſe, and his Curſe on a bad.

72 The Wicked in the fulneſs of their Plenty are in Straights, but the Godly in the fulneſs of their Straights has Sufficiency.

73 The Joy of the Holy Ghoſt is ſo, that there is Want in Words and of Words to expreſs it; for it's Joy unſpeakable, and full of Glory.

74 There are many Convictions without Converſion, but there is no Converſion without Convictions.

75 Men that make gain their Godlineſs, will never gain Godlineſs, unleſs they make Godlineſs their greateſt Gain.

76 God made Man his own Image, and Man ſhould not reſt till he be holy, or partake of the divine Nature.

77 A Saint hath the Law of God in his Heart, and a hearty Willingneſs to obey the Law of God.

78 It's an unſpeakable Mercy to be one of Chriſt's, though of his little ones.

79 Man turns natural Food into his Nature, but ſpiritual Food turns Man into its Nature.

80 In the World the Body was made firſt, and then the Soul, but in Heaven the Soul is firſt, and then the Body.

81 Some Men inſtead of acting godlily in this World, acts rather like the God of this World.

82 Though we may pray God to glorifie himſelf in our Deliverance from Trouble, yet we ſhould

ſhould be very Submiſſive, unleſs he get Glory by it, but rather beg Grace to bear it.

83 God in this World hath glorified Faith above all other Graces, and above all other Graces Faith glorifies God in this World.

84 Let us not love any earthly thing too much, for too much affection cauſes too much affliction at parting.

85 None feel more Experience of God's Providence, than thoſe that are reſolute in their Obedience.

86 To have a thankful Heart for all God's Bleſſings, is a great Bleſſing.

87 The worſt of Men have the beſt earthly Things, and yet miſerable; the beſt of Men may want them, and yet happy.

88 Many uſe to frequent the Ordinances that makes not good uſe of them, for all the Gain and Sweetneſs is in uſing them aright.

89 It's a good part of the Comfort of our Lives to be much amongſt the Society of the Godly and good Friends.

90 Hell being ſuch a Night that ſhall never ſee Day, is a double Torment to the damned.

91 In things that we cannot underſtand, let us adore God's unſearchable Wiſdom, for his Paths are in the deep Waters.

92 One that labours by Faith and Patience to bear his Croſs, hath the height of Affection, and the deep of Submiſſion to Chriſt.

93 We ſee it commonly the Character of a wicked Man to be a troubler of the People and Place where he lives.

94 The only Way to have our Will, is to bring it to God's Will.

95 If we would learn of Patient bearing trou-

ble,

ble, let us keep close to our Duty and Calling, and commit the Success to God.

96 A good Christian under Trouble hath a God, a Promise, a former Experience, to run to for Support of Relief.

97 There will be no end of a Christian's Desires till he come to the end of his Desire, and that's Heaven.

98 None should despair, because God can help; none should presume, because he can cross.

99 When the Godly Dies he leaves all his Bad behind him, when the Wicked Dies he leaves all his Good behind him.

100 He doth not enjoy much of God who walks not much with God, nor can he walk much with God, who doth not enjoy much of him.

CHAP. II.

1 THE Groans of an humble and contrite Heart are more Love-forceable in the Eyes of the Lord, than all the shoutings of *Baal*'s Priests, tho' gathered in one.

2 It's Wisdome and Prudence to prepare for Adversity in time of Prosperity, for Showers may come after Sun Blinks.

3 Rejoice Believers, God is your Father, Christ your Head, Husband and Brother, Heaven your Inheritance, Angels your Guard, to minister to the Heirs of Salvation.

4 We must not mingle our Passions with our Crosses, like foolish Patients shewing the Pill when they should swallow it whole.

5 It's much better to have Crosses, and Grace to bear them, than to be without both, which is the Fate of many Worldlings.

6 For a Believer in the State of Grace for all his Crosses, is in a safer Condition than *Adam* was in

in Innocency, for he fell, or the unconfirmed Angels was in Heaven, for they fell, but he ſtands on the Foundation of God, being confirmed by the Blood of Chriſt, which the Gates of Hell cannot prevail againſt.

7 God's Thoughts is, and has been, Thoughts of Peace to his own from all Eternity, and in ſending the only Begotten Son of his Boſom to to work out the Work of our Redemption.

8 O how Delightful are thoſe ſpiritual and eternal Imbraces which Saints have, and ſhall have, in the Arms of God's Everlaſting Love!

9 It's a Joy next unto the Joys of Heaven, for one to know that he's within the Covenant of Grace; Devils and Men may ſooner pull the Sun out of the Firmament at Noon-day, than him from his God, for he is kept by his Power to Salvation.

10 It's to be afraid, that thoſe that Loves not the Company of Saints on Earth, ſhall not be admitted to their Company in Heaven.

11 A Saint will part with any thing for Chriſt, but will not part with him for all things.

12 When our Affections and Converſations are in Heaven, we enjoy Heaven upon Earth.

13 Nothing Diſgraces a Man ſo much as Sin, and nothing Honors him ſo much as Grace.

14 They that think as Hypocrites do, to deceive God, will find they deceive themſelves at the laſt.

15 Let Chriſtians do their Beſt in drawing near unto God, and let the Devil and the World do their Worſt, no matter.

16 A gracious Heart deſires not only to Walk holily, but alſo ſo wholly with God.

17 He that's Prayerful before Mercy is received,

ved, it's a Token he ſhall be Praiſeful when received.

18 A Saint's Care is to keep himſelf in God's Way, yet he leaves the Care of himſelf and his Ways to God.

19 Believers are all for Chriſt, and Chriſt is all for Believers.

20 Means without God can do nothing, but God without means can do any thing.

21 Some Men make their Luſts their Gods on Earth, but they'll be their Devils in Hell without Repentance.

22 He is not ſo much a Fool that hath no Wit to uſe, as he that abuſes the Wit he hath by playing the Fool.

23 Chriſt's Voice is Sweet to Saints, and their Voices is Sweet to him.

24 Our Sins delivered Chriſt to Death for us, and his Death delivers us from Sin.

25 Faith is like the Neck, Knits the Head and the Body together in time of Perſecution: That's Chriſt and a Believer.

26 The holieſt Chriſtians hath ſome Stains and evitable Failings, which does not deface nor diſeſſence them.

27 The great Love that Chriſt had to us from Eternity, made him not mind the Wounds of the Croſs, for his Delight was and is with the Sons of Men.

28 All the World is but a Wilderneſs in Compariſon of the Church of God, which is as a Garden incloſed full of Flowers and Fruits.

29 The Excellency of God, and the Sweetneſs of his Ways, are the Ways and Joys of the dear Saints.

30 The more Spiritual and Temporal Bleſ-

ſings

sings we receive, the more Thanks and Service God's looks for at our Hands.

31 If thou thinks God be better to others nor thee, yet since he is better to thee nor thou deserves, thou has no Cause to complain.

32 It's a greater Virtue to forgive one an Injury, than to do many Courtesies; for it goes harder against Nature; and many will do for their Friends, but will not suffer for them.

33 Corn, Wine, and Oyl, is the Worldlings Happiness, and when they are at an End, their Happiness is Eat up.

34 Let none despair, for the Depths of our Miseries are far from the Depths of God's Mercies.

35 The glorious Sun has its Morning of Resurrection, how much more the Sons of Glory?

36 That Man's full of Grace who is composed in Word and Thought under Affliction; and to be Good and Patient when we suffer Evil is the height of Goodness.

37 It's a Woful Thing to put off Repentance and a good Life, till a Death Bed and Pained Body, for then there is enough ado with it self to disquiet the Mind.

38 Yet wicked Men thinks Death is an end to all their Troubles, when indeed it only begins.

39 That Man is never thankful to God, who is unthankful to or for the Means of Grace.

40 Great is the Affection of a Convert to a Minister who hath been the Means of his Conversion.

41 Our Love to God is best known by our Respect to his Ambassadors, and Love to the Brethren.

42 Some Friends are like the Swallow, to come, and sit, and sing with us in the Summer of Prosperity,

ſperity, but when the Winter of Affliction comes they ſeek for a hotter Climate.

43 A good ſuitable End is the Grace and Beauty of all our Undertakings.

44 If God give thee Grace, there's preſently a Chain leading thee to Trinmph and Glory to all Eternity, which I am perſwaded Devils and Men cannot Break. *Rom.* 8.

45 The Inward Peace which Saints feel is not in Freedom from Trouble, but in Freeneſs with God in the midſt of Troubles.

46 A Fool's Heart is in his Tongue, but a Wiſe Man's Tongue is in his Heart.

47 They who are moſt full of Faith, have moſt Experience of God's Faithfulneſs to them.

48 As there is a Vanity lyes hid in the beſt worldly Good, ſo there is a Bleſſing lyes hid in the worſt worldly Evil to his own.

49 God uſually brings ſudden Deſtruction upon Surfeiting and Drunkenneſs, Palate-pleaſers and Belly-Gods, as on the old World, on *Sodom*, and *Job's* Children, and *Belſhazar* and *Nabal*.

50 Oh it's much more glorious to ſerve God who made the World, and will Crown his Servants with Glory, than your ſlaviſh Luſts, which will bring Torment in the End.

51 A faithful Chriſtian can Truſt and Rejoice in his God, when all Worldly Things not only croſſes him, but flies in his Face to deſtroy him. *Moſes* at the Red Sea, *Daniel* in the Den, *David* at *Zilphag*.

52 Chriſt was made like unto us, Sin excepted, that he might be tempted, and he permits us to be tempted, that we may fly unto, & be like unto him.

53 Heaven is the only place of Joy and Reſt, Hell is the only place of Sorrow and Torment; on Earth

Earth we have weary Toil by Sin.

54 He that's tender of his Conscience will not be Prodigal of his Credit, for a good Conscience cheers his Heart and Countenance.

55 Worldly Men are *Demetrius*-like, crying great is the Goddess *Diana*, whom *Asia* and all the World worshipped, and brings us all our Gain.

56 We should fear none but God, and be afraid of nothing but Sin: But blessed is he that feareth him always.

57 Ministers may teach us as a Prophet, but it's God only that teacheth us only to Profit.

58 The Tongue blessing God without the Heart, is like a tinkling Symbol and sounding Brass, but both together is delightful to Heaven and Earth.

59 When there is no Doctrine in a Man's Life, it's a Token there's but little Life in his Doctrine.

60 A Christian should be Watchful to and in Prayer, seeing his Enemy watched him where and when he prays.

61 They that follow Sin and Wickedness serves hard Masters, and bad Wages; Death and Damnation without Repentance.

62 It's a great deal better for one to be prepared, and expect Death when it cometh not, than to have Death come when we expect it not.

63 Labour to fit a Promise to every Condition thou art in, and Milk forth, and be satisfied with the Breasts of its Consolation; for thou can be in no Condition but there is a Promise suitable in the Bible.

64 No Banishment is Sweet, but that of a Righteous Soul from the Prison of a Worldly VVearied Body.

65 A Saint should deny himself, to be little at

all, that Christ may be all to him, and in all.

66 There may be Grace where is no Assurance, but there cannot be Assurance where there is no Grace.

67 In this Life the Glory of Heaven is revealed to us, but in the Life to come it shall be revea[led] in us.

68 The best Policy is to preferr Duty before Liberty, or any earthly Joy, for the Peace of Conscience, and a good Issue, as *Daniel* and the three Children found.

69 God is the Father of all Mercies, and mercifully sent the Son of his Bosom to Redeem his Elect, makes Heaven and Earth Rejoice.

70 Take heed of Passion for doing any thing in it, lest in calm Blood you be put to the Trouble to Repent, wishing it had not been done.

71 It's to be our Prayer and Care not only to receive Mercy from God, but to improve them for him; for what is got by Prayer is commonly worn by Praise.

72 If we belong to God, and be not thankful for great Mercies, it's a Means to take them away from us, to make us value and be thankful for the least of his Mercies.

73 It's as clear by Scripture-Light that Christ is God, as it's by Natures Light there is a God.

74 We should be very careful to behave our selves so as to give all Persons Occasion to Love us, at least to give them no Occasion to Hate us.

75 The Work of Creation is call'd the VVork of God's Fingers, but the VVork of Redemption the Work of his Arm.

76 The proud Man hath not God, the implacable Man hath no Neighbour, the distrustful Man hath no Friend, the discontented Man hath not himself.

77 It's

77 It's an evil Sign not to be Chastened for Sin, it's a worse not to bear Chastisements; a Token of Bastards, not Sons.

78 There be three great Helps to make a powerful Minister, Grace, Learning, and Temptations.

79 It's a heavy Burthen, and requires great Faith to bear, when God's Promises and Providences seem to be against us; yet *Abraham* went through with it.

80 Say under Trouble, God in very Faithfulness does afflict me here for my Sins, that he may spare me out of Hell, and this will ease thy Burthen, and make thee fear Sin more.

81 Let Salvation be never so plentiful, yet, under God, if we Labour not to make it our own by Faith, we are rather worse than better for it.

82 It's to God chiefly we must pour out our Hearts under Trouble, who can make our Bitter Water Sweet.

83 A Saint had rather Live at God's Determination, than at his own Choice; his Prayer is, Lord, Chuse my Heritage for me.

84 As Riches are the Mother of Pleasure and Delight to the Worldly, so Poverty is the Nurse of Sorrow and Calamity.

85 Prayer is like *Jonathan*'s Bow which sent out the Arrows, but Faith is like the Boy which fetcht them back again.

86 Faith, Hope and Patience, are great Supports to a perplexed Mind.

87 None but holy Ones shall see the Holy One; for without Holiness no Man shall see the Lord.

88 Troubles in the Flesh, though Sanctified, are Troubles; even sweet Briars and holy Thistles have their prickles. *Paul.*

89 Reason cannot shew it self more reasonable

than to leave off Reaſoning about matter above our Reaſon.

90 I look upon that Man that ſayeth he never err'd, to be in a great Errour; for if we ſay we have no Sin we deceive our ſelves, and the Truth of God is not in us.

91 Saints ought to look to God not only for ſupplying their Wants, but for chaſtiſing their Wantonneſs; for his Rod is in the Covenant, and his Rebukes from his Love in Faithfulneſs he afflicts them.

92 Woes makes ſhort Time ſeem long, and Joys makes long Time ſeem ſhort. O Eternity, Eternity, is that which makes Woes Woes, and Joys Joys indeed.

93 They that would have their Affliction ſhort and eaſie, muſt ſubmit their Will unto God's Will, and that's better than if they had their own.

94 Chriſt is the Saint's Crown and Glory, and will reprove Kings for their ſakes; for he keeps them as the Apple of his Eye.

95 The breathing of God's Spirit glads the Souls of the Saints, and lets them ſee the Heavens clear, and the Boſom of God in Chriſt ready to receive them.

96 All our Grace is from God, who is the God of all Grace, and the Author, Preſerver, and Finiſher of it.

97 There is but one Way to go to Heaven, but as many Ways to go Hell, as we have Sins; and it's all one to the Devil if we come thither, either in the Road of Profaneneſs, or the Walk of Hypocriſie.

98 One would wonder to ſee the Folly of worldly wiſe Men, *Achitophel* or *Haman*, to undo themſelves; but no better can be expected till Men

Men fear God, for that's the Beginning of Wisdom.

99 It's as great a Mercy to want that patiently which God denies us, as to use that cheerfully which God gives us.

100 The Blood of Christ is precious in the Sight of Saints, and his Saints Blood is precious in his Sight.

CHAP. III.

1 GOd's Love to his own will not suffer him to depart from them, and their Fear and Love to him will not suffer them to depart from him; so nothing shall separate them from the Love of God in Christ.

2 All Saints are Excellent; though some excel others, yet the highest is not so far above the lowest, as the lowest Saint is above the highest natural Man.

3 When others are Passionate towards Saints, they should be Compassionate towards them; for who made thee differ, O Man.

4 God is lovely in his Creatures, more lovely in his Ordinances, but most in Christ, who is altogether lovely.

5 No Man is safe amongst his Friends without God, and with God he is safe amongst his Enemies. *Elisha.*

6 God made Man to serve him; and he that serves God is a made Man; for Godliness is the Making, Exalting, and Enriching of a Man; and he is made for ever that's born again.

7 If the Word of God slay not the Sin in Man, yet it will slay the Man of Sin, and the Man that goes on in Sin without Repentance.

8 There is a great many that hates both the Doctor and the Doctrine foretelling them their Faults;

Faults; as *Achab* said to *Micaiah*, *I hate him, for he never spoke Good of me.*

9 By our good moral Life and Conversation, Man may chuse us into the Church Membership, but let us not rest on that; so was *Judas*; but upon God only, who chuseth us to Eternal Life.

10 He hath all things who hath God; and he that hath not God, though he hath all other things, hath but Shadows.

11 One Grain of Grace is more worth than many Pounds of Gifts, or Gifts of Pounds. *Peter's* answer to *Simon Magus.*

12 In Creation God gave us to our selves, but in Redemption he gave himself to us.

13 Though Christians sit in Darkness, and have no Light, yet *Job* and *Heman*-like, let them trust God on the Faith of Adherance; for God may withdraw his Communion from his People for a time, but never his Union; for Heaven is the only Place of eternal Comfort, not Earth.

14 The Toyl of getting, the Care of keeping, and the Fear of losing, takes away a great deal of the Comfort of Riches; and yet for all that they often take the Mornings Wings, like *Job's*.

15 There be many People that looks not on a Bible, or bows not a Knee to God, from one Sabbath to another, but at the Church for fashion; I would have such to mind that VVord, If our Gospel be hid, it is hid from them that are lost; the God of this VVorld hath blinded their Eyes.

16 To have a broken Heart for Sin, and a broken Christ meet in the Sacarament, is Joy unspeakable; none can tell but them that tastes.

17 Life is a tempestuous Sea-voyage, but Death brings a Believer to his Harbour of Rest.

18 Every Step of our Life stands in need of a Step

Step of God's Protection and Mercy to us.

19 Commonly Men Chuse the pooreſt Ground for the richeſt Mines, ſo does God the Poor of this World rich in Faith.

20 Afflictors and Afflictions are grievous for the preſent to People of God; as the ſweeteſt Roſes has their Prickles, ſo the beſt of Chriſtians has their Afflictions.

21 A Dog may bark at a Sheep, but a Sheep cannot bark again. *Shemi* to *David*, *Tobias* and *Sanballat* to *Nehemiah*.

22 O let us preſs forward, and launch forth, till we drown our ſelves in God's bottomleſs Ocean of Love to all Eternity.

23 Let us learn Wiſdom from the Birds of the Air; the Eagle, Falcon, and Raven, are ſo quick-ſighted as to build upon ſuch Rocks as they ſcorn the Horſe and his Rider; ought we not much more to build upon our Rock Chriſt, that the Gates of Hell cannot prevail againſt?

24 Whatever our Guiltineſs be, yet when it falleth into the Sea of God's Mercy, it's but like a drop of Blood into the great Ocean.

25 They that would be Chriſt's Ambaſſadors, muſt ſet their Faces as Flint againſt the Devil's Bagagers; as *Paul* going to *Jeruſalem*, *Daniel* facing the Lions, the three Children the Fiery the Furnace, and *Luther* going to *Worms*.

26 O how Pleaſant is it to the Earth to have the Sun riſing on it? But how much more Pleaſant and Sweet is it to us to feel the Son of Righteouſneſs ſhining on our Souls?

27 When I do ſee the Birds of the Air, the Beaſts of the Field, the Fiſh of the Sea, all as they were Finger-fed from God, what needs me then miſtruſt that has an Immortal Soul?

28 God is that great Rock that supporteth Heaven and Earth, and the Godly are Pillars hewen out of that Rock for Support to the Earth; and at their removal down it comes. Witness when *Noah* went into the Ark, and *Lot* out of *Sodom*.

29 The Palm-tree and the Camomile, the more they are pressed the richer they grow; so Christians, the more sanctified Afflictions on Earth, the richer Crown of Glory in Heaven.

30 Behold the Larks by the dawning of the Day sings Praise to their Maker; O how much more should Christians, that has the Day-Star from high arisen on their Hearts?

31 God's tender Love and Kindness never fails in giving us, and our tender Love and Kindness ought not to fail in giving to his.

32 Regeneration is a greater and glorious Work than the whole Creation; for many that were created are in Hell, but all regenerate are and shall be in Heaven.

33 It's good to call upon God in the Day of Trouble; as *Jacob* did when *Laban* was behind him to Rob him, and *Esau* before him to Kill; yet God made the one to Bless him, and the other to Kiss him.

34 A good Wife and Children are the best earthly Blessings; as *Jacob* said to *Esau*, these are Wives and Children God has Blessed me with.

35 O how becoming it is to see Christians kind to one another! It's like the dew of Heaven; and Christ shews a Patern of it to his Disciples, desiring them to Love one another.

36 It's good to be in Company with the kind Godly, and to desire them to be in yours; as the two sorrowful Disciples found going to *Emaus*, they constrained

conſtrained Chriſt to ſtay with them, and he opened their Eyes.

37 We may ſafely expect God in his Way of Mercy to us, when we are in his Ways of Obedience.

38 O let us give God our Morning Thoughts! For the Comfort and Succeſs of every Day depends on the Bleſſing of God.

39 O let us not weary in Well doing! For Religion's Wages is above its Work, and its Pay above its Pains; Heaven for ever.

40 The Goſpel of Peace is a great Bleſſing, but the Peace of the Goſpel is a greater Bleſſing.

41 The Way to have any earthly Thing taken from us, and not Bleſſed, is to ſet our Hearts too much on it.

42 The only Way to have our own Wills fulfilled, is to ſubmit to God's Will; ſay, *Thy Will be done in Earth, as it is in Heaven.*

43 He that repelleth the Temptation of unlawful Gain, Gains by that Temptation.

44 Many time God ſuffers his own to mourn, cry and reflect on themſelves, not finding Reſt till they come back, like *Noah*'s Dove, to the Ark of Refuge.

45 Saints are many times leaſt alone when moſt alone; when *Jacob* was left alone he wreſtled with God.

46 VVhen we are weak we ſee what we are in our ſelves, when we are ſtrong in Faith we ſee what we are in God.

47 Nothing deforms a Man ſo much as Sin, and nothing reforms and adorns ſo much as Grace.

48 Chriſt's Kingdom is not of this VVorld, nor yet is a Chriſtian's Happineſs.

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49 Since the Fall it has been our Fault not to VVeep; yet too much weeping may be turned into Sin, in not looking to our Saviour for Comfort.

50 Natural Men are Earthly in the use of Heavenly Things, but Spiritual Men are Heavenly in the use of Earthly Things.

51 Any that would Ride the Post-road to Hell, then let them venture upon the Bosses of his Bucklers, by Persecuting the People of God. O then haste *Haman*, mount your Gallows of 50 Cubits! O haste *Achitophel* and *Judas* to your Halters! Haste *Ahab* and *Jezabel* to your hungry Dogs! Haste *Pharaoh* and *Herod* to the hungry VVorms and Fishes!

52 God is good to us many Times in sending us Crosses, because he makes them work together for our good.

53 It is the Fate of many Christians to be troubled with vain Thoughts, but let them beg Grace to drive them away, as *Abraham* did the Fowls from the Sacrifice.

54 Believers must Labour to keep themselves from Sin unspotted of the VVorld, for Heaven is a holy Place, unto which no unclean Thing can enter.

55 To Sin is Heathen-like, to Grieve and Forsake is Saint-like, to Persevere and Boast is Devil-like.

56 A Man may conceive in his Mind Rocks of Diamonds, Mountains of Gold, Heaps of Pearl, in a Moment, but none is able to conceive the good Things that God will give to them that Love and Fear him.

This finishes 1000 Proverbs, and 500 Songs, by *G. Liddell.*

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